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SUBJ: NIGER GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN WHEAT AND CORN PURCHASE

1. ON PURELY INFORMAL BASIS, WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY
MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING POSSIBLY SUBSTANTIAL
PURCHASE OF WHEAT AND CORN. WE ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE PRICE
ESTIMATES CIF AND CAF COTONOU OR LOME FOR 5000 MT OF WHEAT (SPECIF-
YING TYPE AND GRADE) AND 5000-10,000 MT OUYELLOW, WHITE CORN,
INCLUDING QUALITY INDICATIONS. ESTIMATES SHOULD BE FOR BOTH
BAGGED AND BULK. SHIPMENTS MAY BE ENTIRE OR BROKEN--MINISTRY
ARGUES THAT PORT FACILITIES LOME/COTONOU MAKE BROKEN SHIPMENTS
PREFERABLE. (N.B. IN BOTH OF THESE CASES, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND
SHIPMENT OF BAGGED COMMODITIES.) AT SAME TIME, MINISTRY IS
CONTACTING SEVERAL PRODUCER COUNTRIES TO CHOOSE BEST COMPETITIVE
PRICE--THESE INCLUDE FRANCE, ARGENTINA, CANADA,
AND MEXICO.

2 INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE IS PART OF WIDE-RANGE
MARKET STUDY BY GATT-UNCTAD ATTACHE AT MINISTRY.
MARKET STUDIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED OVER LAST SEVERAL
MONTHS IN ATTEMPT TO FIND CHEAPEST AVAILABLE SOURCE
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FOR SEVERAL COMMODITIES--CEMENT, SALT, AND FOOD-STUFFS.
IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, GON HAS MADE PURCHASE BASED ON
FINDINGS--A SHIP-LOAD OF CEMENT. IN EVENT U.S. WHEAT/
CORN PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE, GOOD PURCHASE POSSIBILITY
EXISTS.

3. AT THIS TIME, MINISTRY DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO CONSIDER

OPTIONS TO TITLE I PURCHASE. HOWEVER, MINISTRY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON PREFERENTIAL SHIPPING RATES, IF ANY, TO LDCS. THEY HAVE ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON U.S. EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND PROCEDURES NEEDED TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE WHEAT/CORN PURCHASES.

4. MINISTRY'S REQUEST MAY MERIT SPECIAL HANDLING BY DEPARTMENT; IF NOT, PLEASE DIRECT REQUEST TO USDOC.

5. REDSO LOGISTICS OFFICER GILL/RFFPO NICHOLSON: ANY COMMENTS ON SHIPPING/PRICES OF COMMODITY LANDED WEST AFRICAN PORTS WELCOME. JAMES

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